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DEPT PLEASE PASS MARAD FOR YOWELL

E.O. 11652: NXA

TAGS: MILI, SEDU, EG

SUBJECT: ARAB MARITIME TRANSPORT ACADEMY

REF: STATE 086453 (NOTAL)

1. LETTER TO AMTA DIRGEN MOUKHTAR SENT AS SUGGESTED PARA ONE  
REFTEL. COPIES SENT NEA/EGY UNDER COVER TRANSMITTAL SLIP  
DATED APRIL 20.

2. CONGEN SHIPPING OFFICER DISCUSSED POINTS ENUMERATED IN  
PARA THREE REFTEL WITH DEPDIRGEN ALFONSE SADEK, WHO IS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR ACADEMIC SIDE OF AMTA. SADEK HAD PLANNED VISIT  
US NEXT MONTH, AS PROPOSED IN FEB. 15 LETTER TO MARAD, BUT  
TRIP NOW POSTPONED TO PERMIT TRIP TO JAPAN AS GUEST OF GOJ. SADEK  
NOW VISITING LIBYA BUT PLANS DISCUSS PROPOSED US ASSISTANCE TO  
AMTA ACADEMIC AND MANAGEMENT REORGANIZATION WITH CONSUL GENERAL  
BEFORE JAPANESE TRIP. FYI - CONGEN ISSUED VISA TO SADEK APRIL  
20. HE CALLED CONSUL GENERAL THAT EVENING TO INFORM HIM OF  
(OBVIOUSLY UNEXPECTED) POSTPONEMENT. HE SAID HE DID NOT RPT NOT  
WANT TO VISIT JAPAN AND DID RPT DID WANT US TRIP, BUT SINCE GOJ  
PAYING FOR VISIT, DIRGEN FELT SADEK SHOULD ACCEPT - END FYI.

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3. COMMENT: SADEK EXPRESSED SOME UNHAPPINESS AT WHAT HE FELT WAS RATHER "BUREAUCRATIC" RESPONSE FROM MARAD TO AMTA. SADEK HAS ALREADY VISITED USMMA (AND HAS CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH COMMANDANT - SEE STATE 087140), SUNY AND OTHER MARITIME TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS IN US. WHAT HE SEEMS TO WANT IS SOME HIGH LEVEL HAND-HOLDING AT MARAD (AND POSSIBLY STATE) WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE AND PERHAPS IMPROVE SADEK AND MOUKHTAR'S EFFORTS TO PATTERN AMTA AFTER US MODELS (ESPECIALLY USMMA) AND HEWING TO US STANDARDS. SADEK PROMISED TO MEET WITH CONSUL GENERAL NEXT WEEK AND PERHAPS BETTER DEFINE JUST WHAT AMTA IS SEEKING.

4. AS NOTED IN ALEXANDRIA 0206, AMTA SEEMS WELL-FINANCED BY ITS 16 ARAB NATION SPONSORS AND HAS NOT RPT NOT ASKED US FINANCIAL SUPPORT. REFTTEL REPLY TO ALEXANDRIA A-017 WAS AIDAC MESSAGE TO CAIRO. UNLESS AND UNTIL THIS AMTA INTEREST IN US ASSISTANCE INVOLVES USG MONEY, CONGEN URGES AMTA MATTERS BE CONCERN OF STATE DEPT OFFICES SUCH AS NEA/EGY, CU/NEA AND EB/TT/MA AND ALEXANDRIA REMAIN ACTION ADDRESSEE.

5. EXAMPLES OF AMTA ABILITY TO PAY OWN WAY WHILE SEEKING US ADVISORY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARE (A) REQUEST TO CONGEN FOR HELP IN ARRANGING MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY RESULTED IN CONTRACT WITH CRESAP, MCCORMICK AND PAGENT; (B) DESIRE TO CLOTHE CADETS IN US STYLE RESULTED IN ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE 2,000 UNIFORMS (AND OTHER ITEMS) THROUGH USMMA; (C) SEARCH FOR ASSISTANCE IN STRUCTURING COMMERCIAL TRAINING PROGRAM ENDED WITH DEAN OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY BEING BROUGHT TO ALEXANDRIA FOR CONSULTATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS BEGUN TO HAVE RUTGERS PROVIDE VISITING PROFESSORS TO AMTA COMMERCE FACULTY.

6. AS ALEXANDRIA 0206 CONCLUDED: "PRESENT GOE POLICY AND HIGHLY FAVORABLE ATTITUDE AMTA SENIOR STAFF MAKE THIS AREA OF ACTIVITY ONE USG COULD VERY PROFITABLY SUPPORT AND ASSIST. SINCE MEMBER GOVERNMENT FINANCING APPEARS TO BE MORE THAN GENEROUS, USG INPUT WILL BE PRIMARILY ADVICE, TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERTISE." AND, WE MIGHT ADD, HAND-HOLDING.

7. AMBASSADOR CONCURS.  
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